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10 The method is for monitoring a childbirth process of
a pregnant woman. In a measuring step, a lactate
concentration of vaginal fluids is measured. In a comparison
step, it is determined if the measured lactate concentration
is greater than a predetermined lactate concentration that
indicates that amniotic fluid has passed from an amnion of
15 the pregnant woman. In a measuring step, the lactate
concentration is measured. In a comparison step, it is
determined if the measured lactate concentration is greater
than a lactate threshold interval. When the lactate
concentration is less than the lactate threshold interval the
20 pregnant woman is stimulated in a stimulating step to give
birth.--